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Honorable David E. Bell
Director
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Washington 25, D. C.

Dear Mr. Bell:

This is to advise that hearings were held in executive session before the full House Armed Services Committee on 28 August 1962 with respect to H. R. 12923. This bill was introduced by Mr. Vinson on 16 August 1962 following advice from the Bureau of the Budget by letter dated 13 August 1962 to the Agency that there would be no objection to presentation of the draft legislation to the Congress.

The Committee appeared to be sympathetic to the objectives of the proposed legislation but there was some question concerning the format of the proposed bill as it related to incorporation by reference of other legislation. As a consequence, the Chairman requested the Agency, as a drafting service, to assist the Committee by drawing a bill which would stand on its own merits. Such a bill has been drafted and forwarded to the Committee in accordance with their request. A copy of that draft and the letter transmitting it are enclosed.

Acting on the Chairman's request, it was our intent in drafting the attached bill to accomplish the same objectives as the bill previously presented to the Bureau of the Budget, now H. R. 12923. Title II of the new draft bill pertaining to retirement is almost 100 per cent taken verbatim from the retirement sections of the Foreign Service Act of 1966, as amended. Necessarily, there was adaptation such as use of the word "Director" in lieu of "Secretary," etc. Also, in certain sections of Title II there was a conversion from FSO classes to GS Grades based on provisions contained in the President's Proposal for Reform of Federal Statutory Salary Systems.

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